

REMARKS

Claim 15, as amended, appears in this application for the Examiner's active consideration. Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-14 and 16-38 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 39, 48 and 53 have been amended to depend on claim 15, instead of claim 1 which has been cancelled. As no new matter has been introduced by these changes, the amendment should be entered at this time for reducing the issues for appeal by placing the claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Without acquiescing to the correctness of the rejection, and solely for the purpose of expediting the allowance of the present application, these claims have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection has been rendered moot.

Claim 15 has been objected to presumably for depending from a rejected base claim. In response, claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, the objection has been overcome and claim 15 should be allowed. It is understood that process claims 39-55, withdrawn at this time, will be rejoined and allowed when product claim 15, from which they ultimately depend, is allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all current rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn. Accordingly, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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